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Amendments to the Claims

Please replace claims 1-38 with the following amended claims 1-42:

1. **(Currently amended)** A metal lip jig rig, comprising:

a lip, the lip having a front portion and a back portion to help the lip jig rig sink when placed in water;

a punched out strap integral with the lip ~~that is used~~ adapted to receive a fishing line, the punched out strap having two ends each attached to the lip;

a first aperture on the front portion of the lip;

a second aperture on the back portion of the lip;

a hook attached to the lip at an area between the first aperture and the second aperture, wherein said hook is attached to the lip by molded material encasing an end of the hook and the area between the first and the second aperture; and

a plurality of spurs on the area provided between the back portion and the front portion of the lip.

2-15. **(Canceled)**

16. **(Currently amended)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the metal lip ~~is made of~~ comprises a non-toxic metal.

17. **(Currently amended)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip ~~is of~~ comprises a plastic.

18. **(Currently amended)** A non-toxic fishing sinker comprising:

a body comprising:

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a broad lip portion with a rounded outer edge, the outer edge tapering to substantially parallel opposed lateral sides of a narrow elongated neck portion;

a first aperture at an end of the neck portion opposite the lip portion;

a plurality of rigid spurs projecting from the body;

means for receiving a fishing line; and

means for promoting sinking of the sinker when exposed to a flow of water.

19. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for promoting sinking comprises a raised edge on the broad lip portion.

20. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for promoting sinking comprises positioning the broad lip portion whereby the broad lip portion is non-planar with the narrow elongated neck portion.

21. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for promoting sinking further comprises means to promote wobbling of the sinker when exposed to a flow of water.

22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the sinker further comprises at least one fish hook mounted to the body.

24. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 23, wherein the at least one fish hook comprises a shank, and wherein the shank is mounted to the neck portion of the body.

25. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the means for receiving the fishing line comprises a strap punched out from the broad lip portion.

26. **(Cancelled)**

27. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the body further comprises at least one second aperture spaced from the first aperture.

28. **(Previously presented)** The fishing sinker as recited in claim 27, wherein the at least one second aperture is positioned in the broad lip portion.

29. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the punched out strap comprises a strap protruding from the lip.

30. **(Cancelled)**

31. **(Currently amended)** The lip jig rig according to claim 22 18, wherein the plurality of spurs are adapted to retain one of a second hook and bait.

32. **(Cancelled)**

33. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the molded material comprises one of a non-toxic metal and a plastic polymer.

34. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip comprises raised edges.

35. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the lip rig jig is formed in the shape of one of a teardrop and a triangle.

36. **(Currently amended)** The lip rig jig according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of spurs ~~constitute~~ comprise bait holders.

37. **(Cancelled)**

38. **(Previously presented)** The lip jig rig according to claim 36, wherein the bait holders are distinct from the hook.

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39. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of spurs comprise a plurality of rigid projections from the lip.

40. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 39, wherein the plurality of rigid projections comprise a plurality of spikes.

41. (New) The fishing sinker as recited in claim 18, wherein the plurality of rigid spurs comprise a plurality of spikes.

42. (New) The lip jig rig according to claim 1, wherein the punched out strap is elevated with respect to the lip.